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Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of one month to respond.  
Appellant's Brief on Appeal in connection with the matter for which this extension is  
requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110.00. Please charge this fee and  
any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account  
Number 16-1885. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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**APPELLANT'S BRIEF ON APPEAL**

Sir:

This is an appeal pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 134 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.191 et seq. from the final rejection of claims 26-27 and 34 of the above-identified application mailed April 13, 2004. Claims 26-27 and 34 stand at least twice rejected. This Brief is in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal filed in this case on July 13, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension to file the brief and fee is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this brief is timely filed. The fee for submitting this Brief is \$340.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c)). Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-1885 in the amount of \$340.00 to cover these fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this appeal or to make this brief timely or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1885.

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